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Letter dated 9 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the following information on the results of the elections for the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 68.

(*Signed*) Muzaffar **Madrakhimov**

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Annex to the letter dated 9 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Results of the elections for President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

A meeting of the Central Electoral Commission took place on 9 December 2016, during which the results of the elections for President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, held on 4 December 2016, were considered.

The Chairman of the Central Electoral Commission, Mr. Mirza-Ulugbek Abdusalomov, noted that citizens had actively participated in the voting and had shown a high level of political and civic engagement, as well as a sense of ownership in the future of their homeland.

Through their participation in the voting, citizens reaffirmed their support for the reforms being implemented in the country.

On the basis of the records received from the district electoral commissions, the Central Electoral Commission determined that, out of the 20,461,805 voters included in the electoral lists, 17,951,667 people had voted on 4 December 2016. This represents 87.73 per cent of the total electorate.

The election results show that the Milliy Tiklanish Democratic Party candidate, Mr. Sarvar Sadullaevich Otamuradov, received 421,055 votes (2.35 per cent of those voting); the candidate from the Movement of Entrepreneurs and Businesspeople — Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, Mr. Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev, received 15,906,724 votes (88.61 per cent); the People's Democratic Party candidate, Mr. Khatamjon Abdurakhmonovich Ketmonov, received 669,187 votes (3.73 per cent); and the Justice Social Democratic Party's candidate, Mr. Narimon Majidovich Umarov, received 619,972 votes (3.46 per cent).

The presidential elections held on 4 December 2016 were therefore won by the candidate from the Movement of Entrepreneurs and Businesspeople — Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, Mr. Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev.

In accordance with articles 90 and 117 of the Constitution, articles 14, 35 and 36 of the Political Parties Act and articles 5 and 9 of the Central Electoral Commission Act, the Central Electoral Commission decided to consider Mr. Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev as having been elected to the position of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for a term of five years.

During the meeting, it was noted that the elections had been held in accordance with the Constitution, the Suffrage Guarantees Act and the Presidential Elections Act, while ensuring the rights of citizens to freely participate and also observing the principles of universal, equal and direct suffrage by secret ballot.

Evidence of democracy and transparency in the electoral campaign was shown by the participation of approximately 600 observers from 46 States of the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa, and also from five international organizations: the Office

for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Association of World Election Bodies and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. More than 37,000 observers from political parties also participated in monitoring the electoral process.

The media played an enormous role in ensuring the openness and transparency of the elections. The presidential elections were covered by 615 national and 272 foreign media outlets, including 315 foreign and domestic online media outlets. The national press centre for the presidential elections and press centres at district electoral commissions held 180 press conferences, briefings and online briefings to cover important stages of the electoral campaign involving over 1,400 national and foreign journalists. The foreign and national media published over 22,700 articles alongside news stories, television reports and radio broadcasts about the preparations for and conduct of the elections for President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The elections for President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, held on 4 December, are another important step towards the country's ambitious goals of taking its proper place among the developed democratic countries of the world, modernizing its political and economic systems and ensuring a life of freedom, peace and prosperity for its people, as confirmation of our country's transition to a new stage of independent development.